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PRESS RELEASE

All Securities Fraud Charges Dropped against David A. Russon and Brian G. Kasteler (For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – The Division of Securities announced today that all securities fraud charges previously brought against David A. Russon and Brian G. Kasteler have been dropped. The Division also expressed regret for any harm the Division's March 12, 2007 Press Release potentially may have caused to the reputations of Mr. Russon and Mr. Kasteler. The Division and Mr. Russon and Mr. Kasteler resolved the remaining non-fraud claims against Mr. Russon and Mr. Kasteler to the satisfaction of the Utah Division of Securities.

The Division will continue to pursue its claims against First Western Advisors, Inc., Gary W. Teran, and Carl A. Page. Mr. Russon and Mr. Kasteler were previously employed by First Western Advisors, Inc., but are no longer associated with that broker-dealer.

Investors are urged to contact the Division of Securities to make sure anyone offering investments is licensed, by calling (801) 530.6600, toll free at 1.800.721.7233 or logging on to www.securities.utah.gov.

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